

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102(b)

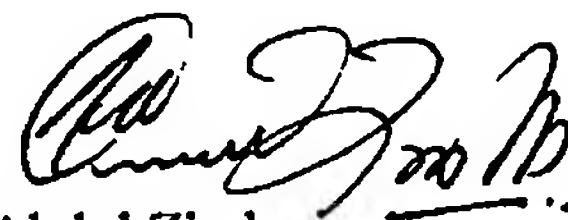
Claims 13, 19, 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sunter et al. (USP 5,659,312). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 13 and 19 have been amended to further distinguish from Sunter et al. Accordingly, amended claims 13 and 19 are now patentably distinguishable from Sunter et al.

Regarding claim 20, to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach each and every element of the claim. See MPEP §2131. Claim 20 has been rejected in the manner of claims 13 and 19; however, claim 20 recites additional element of a processing block. The Examiner has not cited any reference in Sunter et al. that teach or describe a processing block as recited in claim 20. Therefore, Sunter et al. does not teach each and every element of claim 20. Accordingly, claim 20 is patentably distinguishable from Sunter et al.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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